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REF: LUXEMBOURG 633

FOLLOWING OUR PRESENTATION TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
KRIEPS AND MFA DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
CHARLES REICHLING (REFTEL), I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER
GASTON THORN ON SEPTEMBER 17 WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY
RECENT NEW DEVELOPMENT IN E.C. ATTITUDES ON THE ARTICLE
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24.6 NEGOTIATIONS. THORN REPLIED THAT HE HAD REGRETFULLY

CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS "NOT MUCH MORE" TO EXPECT FROM THE E.C. BEYOND ITS LAST OFFER FOR CONCESSIONS ON THIRTY ITEMS. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR THE E.C. TO MAKE A BETTER OFFER TO THE U.S. IN THE COMING WEEKS. SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 10-11 COPENHAGEN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING MADE THE NINE EUROPEAN CAPITALS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE "FRAGILITY OF COOPERATION" WITHIN THE E.C., THORN SAID THAT NO ONE E.C. COUNTRY WAS NOW ABLE TO STRENUOUSLY ARGUE IN FAVOR OF OFFERING THE U.S. MORE FAVORABLE TERMS THAN IN THE LAST E.C. PROPOSAL. I EMPHASIZED TO THORN THAT THE U.S. HOPED THAT THE E.C. WOULD NOT CLOSE ITS MIND TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. ON ARTICLE 24.6. I STRESSED THAT THE FUTURE OF THE TRADE BILL NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS, WITH ALL IT MEANS TO THE FUTURE OF U.S.-E.C. RELATIONS, MAY HINGE ON PROGRESS IN THE 24.6 TALKS.

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